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BEGINNING OUR 65TH. YEAR

With this issue, The Times-Virginian begins its 65th year of publication. Twenty-five have been under its present ownership. To the best of our knowledge, The Times-Virginian is the oldest continuous business in Appomattox County.

We take this opportunity to thank our subscribers, advertisers, job printing customers, correspondents and others who have made this extended span possible. The year just ending saw perhaps the largest volume of production ever achieved by this publication. We pledge our continued service to this trade area.

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THE NEW CONGRESS

The first session of the Eighty-Fifth Congress will prove interesting to both Democrats and Republicans, but it may be less cooperative with President Eisenhower than was the Eighty-Fourth.

It will be remembered that President Eisenhower had considerable difficulty with his own party during the years 1953 and 1954, when the Eighty-Third Congress was in office. When the Democrats gained control of Congress in the elections of 1954, they cooperated rather well with the President in the years, 1955 and 1956. However, considerable dissatisfaction has developed among Democrats over the President's foreign policies in recent months, and his farm program is again due to be challenged, as will his tight money policies.

The Democratic majority will, no doubt, favor increased defense expenditures, which the President is expected to request, but many Democrats may have doubts about greatly increasing the foreign aid program, which is also expected to be part of the President's new legislative program.

Expected to be under heavy fire in this new Congress are Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson and — for the first time — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, and several other cabinet officers. Altogether, then, relations between the White House and Capital Hill seem certain to be more hectic this year than they were in either 1955 or 1956.

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NNDEVELOP HOBBIES

One of the most rewarding home pursuits the average citizen can follow is the development of a hobby, or family project, which enables him to enjoy the satisfaction of having done something constructive —outside the realm of his daily work.

In the present age, when television, movies, automobiles and many other luxuries we now enjoy take so much time, the art of finding pleasure and satisfaction at home, in the form of hobbies or projects, is sometimes overlooked.

Yet, from a family standpoint, the development of projects, or the pursuit of hobbies, which provide both leisure and perhaps improvement of the home or yard, is entirely wholesome. If possible, families should work on projects together, with the children taking part and learning to take pride in what they achieve, as a family working together.

Husbands who work long hours at the office each day and who naturally look forward to relaxation at night, should not overlook the fact that they should make an effort to join in family projects, and in household projects, and in simple work with them, so as to develop that spirit of unity which is so conspicuously absent from families who must remain divided, or whose members are so busy they do not have much time with each other.

Watching television at home together is not necessarily the answer to the problem. This rarely helps one member of the family to know the other better, or to develop a sense of loyalty and love by working with him toward some common goal.

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ANOTHER YEAR

It is hard to believe — as always — but 1956 has run its course in what seems like only a few months. Now, 1957 has arrived.

The year 1956 was one of general prosperity in the United States, of politics, and international crisis. It was a year in which the American people chose President Dwight D. Eisenhower to serve another four years, although they gave him a Democratic House and Senate in the process.

It was a year in which Egypt's President Nasser precipitated an international crisis by seizing the Suez Canal. England, France and Israel precipitated another when they invaded the canal zone with troops, although they had puleld out by the latter days of December.

It was also a year in which the Russians savagely attacked the free people of Hungary, a move which aroused the widespread sympathy of freedom-loving people everywhere.

The United States stayed out of war, and for most Americans prosperity continued. It is true that many farmers, small business men and some workers, whose employers went out of business, did not enjoy the prosperity experienced by others.

And 1957 may well be a year in which the economy makes or breaks itself. A continued worsening of the situation for the group of Americans, who are not as prosperous as they have been, could mean a recession. A change for the better, which could provide them their share of U. S. prosperity, could mean many more years of good times.

Therefore, 1957 is a year of hope. It should be a year of prayer also, in behalf of peace. Since most of the forecasters and corporation executives predict that 1957 will be another good year, the prospect is that 1957 will prove to be another highly successful year for Americans.

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The best way to get a day's work done, is to work a day.

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There are people who judge every individual by the size of his bank account.

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As long as some people have enough to eat, they are satisfied with conditions as they are.

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The easy habit of borrowing as long as credit is available does one little good when assets are in hock.

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An agenda is often a device to prevent unexpected subjects from coming up for discussion unexpectedly.

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Four Gospels

Lesson for January 6, 1957

THE story of the Wise Men who came to see the baby Jesus is so familiar that this column will deal this week with a question in the background of all study of the Gospels. Matthew is to be the book studied in the churches during the next three months. The existence of four gospels raises a very ancient question: Why more than one? The early Christians church was somewhat embarrassed by that question. More attempts than one were made to discard all but one, or else to combine them all into one harmonized story. If the four gospels are alike, why repeat? And if they are different, which is right? Most of the problems involved cannot even be raised here. But there is room to set down a few notes on that one question: What is the point of having four gospels?

Dr. Foreman

Gospels and Gospel

The conclusion to which the early church came, and for which we may well be grateful, is that there is only one Gospel, but four gospels. Adopted at a very early date were the headings we still read. The Gospel: according to Matthew, according to Mark—and so on. The gospels tell different stories, but the story is still the same. They all bear witness to the same Christ. Just as in a courtroom trial it is important if possible to have more than one eye-witness report of an accident, it is valuable to have more than one report of the life, character and teaching of Jesus. But just as, in court, it would raise suspicion if all the eye-witnesses agreed on all details, so it would raise suspicion and be of no help if all our gospels agreed on details. The essentials of the four gospels are all the same; and the variations add to our knowledge. It is plain that the early church must have thought that each gospel had something indispensable, or else they would never have kept it. It should be remembered that our four gospels were not the only ones in existence. The early church did a good job of sifting, as any one can see who will take the trouble to read some of the fantastic or dull productions the church rejected. (See The Apocryphal New Testament, in any large library.)

Portraits

Not one of the gospels is what in modern times would be called a "definitive biography" of Jesus—a story so complete that no one would ever bother to investigate further. They are not biographies at all. They are not photographs, they are more like portraits. A commercial photograph is a neutral sort of thing. A portrait is an interpretation. Mark interprets Jesus as the mighty Son of God with power. Very little teaching is reported by Mark—it is all action, and rapid action too. Luke's portrait is of the broad humanity of Jesus, his sympathy with all men, with women and children too. He gives us Jesus, the ideal human being. John's portrait interprets Jesus as the divine Son of God, in constant touch and harmony with the Father on high, doing the works of God and teaching the truth of God. In other gospels Jesus' teaching is, so to speak, in his own name. In John the reader is never allowed to forget that it is all the teaching of God. Matthew combines the wonder-worker and the teacher in one portrait; Jesus appears as the One with Authority. From the very beginning, where Jesus is presented as the scion of kings, to the end where he is given "all authority in heaven and earth," he moves with majesty and power.

Viewpoints

Not only are the portraits different, but the viewpoints of the four gospels are varied. Two features of Matthew's point of view will be evident all the way along. One is that he tries to interest Jewish readers. He quotes the Old Testament more often than any other gospel; he traces Jesus' family tree back to Abraham through the Hebrew kings (quite a contrast to the family tree given by Luke). To this day it remains one of the best gospels for interesting Jews in the life of Jesus. The other feature is that while Matthew begins, as it were, on the small stage of the Jewish people, he does not remain there. The Christ who comes first only as heir to the throne of David, is at last seen to have the very authority of God himself. Already in the gifts of the wise men Matthew hints his truth: Christ is Lord of all men everywhere.

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Washington Notes

NEW VEHICLE TAX

Owners of trucks and other highway motor vehicles weighing more than 26,000 pounds must soon start paying the use tax on them. Forms for filings will be available at district Internal Revenue Service offices beginning Dec. 3, and the deadline is Jan. 31 for returns on vehicles used at any time in July through December of this year 1956. Thereafter, the returns must be made by the end of the month following the one in which the vehicle is first used. The new tax this fiscal year is for use in the highway construction program.

FARM INCOME UP?

Net income of farm operations this year is up slightly from 1955 for the first increase since 1951, and another gain is expected in 1957, according to the Agricultur Department. The key to the increased income outlook for 1957, as the department sees it, is: strong demand from consumers, increasing shipments of farm products abroad, the soil bank, designed to cut planted acreages, and reduced hog marketing.

CASH DIVIDENDS

The Commerce Department reports that cash dividend payments by corporations are running more than a billion dollars higher than in 1955. Concerns issuing publ reports paid out about $8,725,000,000 in the first ten months of 195 compared with $7,732,000,000 the corresponding period a ye earlier.

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Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Dec. 31.- Mrs. Geo. Carson and children spent Wednesday in Lynchburg as guests of Mrs. W. J. Walton and daughter, Louise.

Mrs. D. M. Harris and Mrs. R. M. Harris were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Walton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moon and daughter, Margaret, and Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cyrus visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moon and the Rev. and Mrs. William Moon Tuesday.

Miss Shirley Walton, of Alexandria is spending the Christmas holidays at her home here.

Miss oJsephine Walton, who has been spending the winter with her grandfather, is at home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Almond and Mrs. Harry Reynolds were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Moon Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Almond and son, Keith were dinner guests of his parents Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Layne had all of their children and grandchildren as guests Christmas day.

Miss Virginia Rush visited Miss Frances Carson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Martin visited her parents Thursday.

Mr. J. A. Martin and family spent Christmas day in the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Almond were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin Friday evening.

Russell Oliver, of Prospect visited relatives here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Chaulebois and daughter, Carrie, of Roanoke, were recent guests in the home of Mr. Ernest Smith and Mrs. Georgia Schindler.

Mrs. Pauline Thomas, who has been sick for some time, is improving.

Christmas Eve night, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reynolds had as their supper guests Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashworth, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mayberry, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Hobbell, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Woolridge, all of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvy Reynolds spent Christmas Eve night with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashworth, of Lynchburg.

Spout Spring, Jan. 1.- Mrs. Elliott Carson is a patient in a Lynchburg hospital.

Supper guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Williamson Wootten on Thursday night were Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wootten, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Layne Jr., and son, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Franklin and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings and Claudine, and Miss Marie Routen.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Layne Jr. and son had as supper guests on Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Franklin and sons, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wootten, Mr. and Mrs. Williamson Wootten, Velmae and Curtis, and Marie Routon. Mr. W. E. Layne and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Martin called after supper.

Rocks

Rocks, Dec. 31.- Christmas passed off quietly around here. Much entertaining was done.

Frank Roy Ranson is in with the chicken pox.

Mrs. W. F. Ranson had her children with her on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Martin and Donna, of Woodbridge spent Christmas here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ranson and family, of Norfolk, and Mr. and Mrs. James Thackston and Sandra, of High Point spent a few days here in the home of Mrs. Meade Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Marks spent Christmas day with their daughter, Louise, at Charlotte C. H.

Sam Ferguson is sick at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Leslie Webber.

Lewis Dickerson continues sick at his home. Quite a few called to see him Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jennie Almond and sons, Joe and Harry spent Sunday at Brookneal with Mr. and Mrs. Hutson Dickerson and Danny.

Mrs. Clara Garrett, of Evergreen spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Toby Inge.

Cassie Baldwin spent Christmas day with her aunt, Mrs. J. Henry Wilkerson, at Prospect.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach had their children present for Christmas day.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Goodman in our community. They are occupying the C. S. Ranson home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ranson had quite a few present last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ranson spent Saturday at Appomattox with her sister, Mrs. T. R. Richardson.

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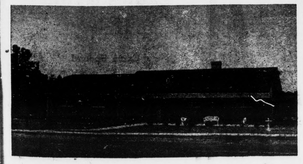

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Homemakers Items

Concern About Shortage of Home Economists, Prompts Contest

Mothers of high school girls from 26 Virginia counties participated in a recent letter-writing contest on "Why I Would Like My Daughter To Be A Home Economist."

Winners of cash prizes in the contest, announced by the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs and the Virginia Home Economics Association, are: Mrs. Roy D. Caudle, Jr., Richmond; Mrs. Don M. Garber, Henrico; Mrs. L. D. Perkins, Rockbridge, and Mrs. George Shreckhise, Augusta.

Receiving honorable mention are: Mrs. Charles Martin, Appomattox; Mrs. R. M. Toler, Hanover; Mrs. George H. Blanks, Prince Edward; Mrs. James S. Holladay, Culpeper; Mrs. Karl H. Woerner, Henrico, and Mrs. J. W. Owen, Middlesex.

The contest was prompted by concern over the present shortage of girls trained for professional home economics positions and for homemaking, and was designed to stimulate interest among mothers of high school girls and promote increased enrollment of girls in college home economics.

Mrs. Caudle's first prize letter follows:

"Like other girls in high school today, my daughter has an unlimited choice of careers. Business, medicine, law, engineering, all are open to, and have been mastered by women, but surely none is more suited to a girl's natural capabilities than a career in home economics.

"As a professional, a variety of opportunities await her. Laboratory research, testing of new household products, writing for women's magazines, teaching either in schools or in 4-H clubs and home demonstration clubs, demonstrating home equipment throughout the country, of working as a dietician for a large establishment such as a school or hospital. Both introvert and extrovert can find a place.

"However, the chief reason I have for hoping my daughter will be a home economist is for the preparation it will give her for what most girls still consider the ultimate in careers, marriage and a home of her own. So many girls train for careers that are quickly abandoned after marriage and begin the task of homemaking totally unprepared. Not so, the girl who has studied nutrition, food buying and preparing, fashion and sewing, interior decorating and proper use and care of household equipment as well as family budgeting and child care. Should she wish to combine a career and marriage, think how the two work together rather than conflict.

"Finally, because of the great personal satisfaction to be found in homemaking, whether for herself or helping others, I would like my daughter to be a home economist!"

KILLED ON LAST DAY

Sonora, Calif.- Arthur Carlson, 56-year-old carpenter, was working his last day on the tridam project at the headwaters of the Atanislaus River. He went into a building at the bottom of the Canyon for a drink of water. A boulder, about 100 feet long and 30 feet wide, undermined by rains, suddenly slid down the canyon wall and crushed the building, killing Carlson.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Charleston, W. Va.- Nine members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. George O. Myers, of Blue Creek, were hospitalized within the space of a month. Son Michael, 7, went to the hospital for an appendectomy and within six days was followed by Tony, 1, pneumonia; Norman, 12, inflamed glands; Joyce, 10, fever; Jo Ann, 16, appendectomy; Ricky, 8, possible appendicitis; and Beverly, 3, earache. Two days later, Linda Sue, 13, and Nancy, 6, underwent appendectomies.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Jan. 1.- The Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Greene and family spent the holidays in North Carolina with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Harvey and Mrs. May Blanks, of Richmond, and Mrs. C. I. Harvey and daughter, Terrell visited Mrs. W. B. Thomas and Bernice Sunday P. M.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Rachel McFadden in the death of her brother, Mr. Hildreth O'Brien.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette visited her mother, Mrs. B. M. Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ferguson and family during the holidays.

Mrs. Eula Fleshman is visiting Mrs. D. A. Pugh and Mrs. Sam Cheatham this week.

Mr. W. C. Garrett had an accident while cutting wood last week. He cut his foot right badly, but is getting on fine with it.

Dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Staples were Mrs. May Southall, Mrs. Lizzie P. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Paulette, Mrs. Ethel C. Paulette and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette.

Mr. and Mrs. Latene Jenkins and family, of Richmond visited her father, Mr. R. P. Harvey, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Harvey during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Franklin and family were supper guests Sunday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette.

Rev. T. L. Simpson, of near Richmond was visiting friends here on New Year's Day.

Mrs. J. K. Hamilton and boys, Richard and Donald visited Mr. and Mrs. Otis Davis at Farmville during the holidays.

Pamplin Rt. 1

Pamplin, Rt. 1., Dec. 31.- Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Webber were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Webber, and son, John, of Sweet Briar, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. John Hackney, and family, of Farmville, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Julian Garrett and daughter, Betty Jean, of Richmond, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Webber, of Pamplin, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Perry and family, of Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. Ruby Anderson and family, of Richmond, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Webber and family, of Pamplin.

Miss Mebel Webber, of Pamplin visited her sister in Richmond over the holiday week-end.

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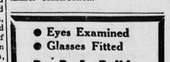

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